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To amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act and titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to require coverage of certain cardiovascular tests without cost sharing under group health plans, group and individual health insurance coverage, and the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Cardiovascular Disease
3 Early Detection and Prevention Act of 2026”.

4 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

5 Congress finds the following:

6 (1) Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause
7 of death in the United States.

8 (2) Routine cholesterol panels often fail to de-
9 tect elevated Lipoprotein(a) (Lp(a)) and
10 Apolipoprotein B (ApoB) levels.

11 (3) Approximately 1 in 5 Americans have ele-
12 vated Lp(a) levels.

13 (4) Elevated ApoB levels predict cardiovascular
14 risk better than LDL cholesterol alone.

15 (5) Nearly 50 percent of heart attack survivors
16 die within five years without effective risk manage-
17 ment.

18 **SEC. 3. REQUIRING COVERAGE OF CERTAIN CARDIO-**
19 **VASCULAR TESTS WITHOUT COST SHARING**
20 **UNDER GROUP HEALTH PLANS, GROUP AND**
21 **INDIVIDUAL HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE,**
22 **AND THE MEDICARE AND MEDICAID PRO-**
23 **GRAMS.**

24 (a) **PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT.**—Section
25 2713(a) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
26 300gg–13(a)) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “and” at the
2 end;

3 (2) in paragraph (3), by striking the period and
4 inserting a semicolon;

5 (3) by redesignating paragraphs (4) and (5) as
6 paragraphs (5) and (6), respectively; and

7 (4) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-
8 lowing new paragraph:

9 “(4) with respect to individuals with a family
10 history of premature cardiovascular disease, a per-
11 sonal history of myocardial infarction, stroke, or ele-
12 vated LDL cholesterol, a diagnosis of diabetes
13 mellitus or obesity, or other recognized cardio-
14 vascular risk factors, testing for lipoprotein(a) and
15 apolipoprotein B levels; and”.

16 (b) MEDICARE.—

17 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1861(xx)(1) of the
18 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395x(xx)(1)) is
19 amended—

20 (A) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as
21 subparagraph (C);

22 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (A)
23 the following new subparagraph:

24 “(B) In the case of an individual with a family
25 history of premature cardiovascular disease, a per-

sonal history of myocardial infarction, stroke, or elevated LDL cholesterol, a diagnosis of diabetes mellitus or obesity, or other recognized cardiovascular risk factors, lipoprotein(a) and apolipoprotein B levels.”; and

(C) in the flush matter at the end, by striking “subparagraph (B)” and inserting “subparagraph (C)”.

(2) NO APPLICATION OF COST SHARING.—Section 1833 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l) is amended—

(A) in subsection (a)(1)(Y), by inserting “(other than tests for levels described in section 1861(w)(1)(B) furnished to an individual described in such section)” after “described in subparagraph (A)”;

(B) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “for the individual.” inserting “for the individual or that are tests for levels described in section 1861(w)(1)(B) furnished to an individual described in such section”.

(c) MEDICAID.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1905(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(a)) is amended—

1 (A) in paragraph (31), by striking “and”
2 at the end;

3 (B) by redesignating paragraph (32) as
4 paragraph (33); and

5 (C) by inserting after paragraph (31) the
6 following new paragraph:

7 “(32) testing for lipoprotein(a) and
8 apolipoprotein B levels furnished to an individual
9 with a family history of premature cardiovascular
10 disease, a personal history of myocardial infarction,
11 stroke, or elevated LDL cholesterol, a diagnosis of
12 diabetes mellitus or obesity, or other recognized car-
13 diovascular risk factors; and”.

14 (2) NO COST SHARING.—

15 (A) IN GENERAL.—Subsections (a)(2) and
16 (b)(2) of section 1916 of the Social Security
17 Act (42 U.S.C. 1396o) are each amended—

18 (i) in subparagraph (I), by striking
19 “or” at the end;

20 (ii) in subparagraph (J), by striking
21 “; and” and inserting “, or”; and

22 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
23 lowing new subparagraph:

“(K) testing for lipoprotein(a) and apolipoprotein B levels furnished to an individual described in section 1905(a)(32); and”.

(B) APPLICATION TO ALTERNATIVE COST SHARING.—Section 1916A(b)(3)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396o–1(b)(3)(B)) is amended by adding at the end the following new clause:

“(xv) Testing for lipoprotein(a) and apolipoprotein B levels furnished to an individual described in section 1905(a)(32).”.

(3) MANDATORY COVERAGE.—Section 1902(a)(10)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)(A)) is amended by striking “and (30)” and inserting “(30), and (32)”.

(4) BENCHMARK COVERAGE AND BENCHMARK-EQUIVALENT COVERAGE.—Section 1937(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396u–7(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(9) COVERAGE OF CERTAIN LIPID LEVEL TESTING.—Notwithstanding the previous provisions of this section, a State may not provide for medical assistance through enrollment of an individual with

1 benchmark coverage or benchmark-equivalent cov-
2 erage under this section unless such coverage pro-
3 vides, with respect to an individual described in sec-
4 tion 1905(a)(32), testing for lipoprotein(a) and
5 apolipoprotein B levels.”.

6 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by—

7 (1) subsection (a) shall apply with respect to
8 plan years beginning on or after the date that is 180
9 days after the date of the enactment of this Act; and

10 (2) subsections (b) and (c) shall apply with re-
11 spect to items and services and medical assistance,
12 respectively, furnished on or after such date.

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